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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Orlando Cimini et al.  
Serial No.: 09/954,775  
Filed: September 18, 2001  
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS  
FOR EVALUATING  
PROCESS PRODUCTION  
PERFORMANCE  
Group No.: 3623  
Examiner: Van Doren, Beth

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is:  
Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs.), in duplicate  
Response to Restriction Requirement in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2006 (12 pages)  
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**STATUS**

2. Applicant  
☐ claims small entity status.  
☒ is other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
_____ second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
_____ third month	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
_____ fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b)   X   Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.	MINUS		=	x \$25.00 = \$		x \$50.00 = \$
	MINUS		=	x \$100.00 = \$		x \$200.00 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$180.00 = \$		+ \$360.00 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

- (b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FEE PAYMENT

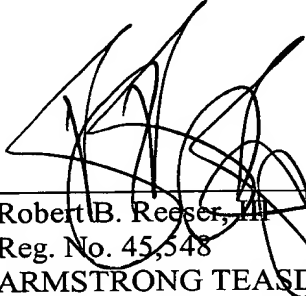
5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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## FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. ☐ Other:

  
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: